

**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application for Certification for the  
Mirant Willow Pass Generating Station Project

Docket No. 08-AFC-6

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**SEVENTH STATUS REPORT OF  
MIRANT WILLOW PASS, LLC**

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In accordance with the Committee Scheduling Order dated December 31, 2008, Mirant Willow Pass, LLC (“Mirant Willow Pass”) submits its seventh status report in this proceeding. Mirant Willow Pass is requesting certification for the Willow Pass Generating Station (“WPGS”), a 550 megawatt, natural gas-fired electricity generating facility to be located at a site within the existing site of the Pittsburg Power Plant in Pittsburg, California.

Mirant Willow Pass has been working with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”), the previous owner of the project site, to prepare a work plan for conducting additional soil gas sampling at the project site. The work plan will be submitted to Staff for review once it is complete in approximately a few weeks. We understand that the resulting report, once submitted, will enable Staff to complete a Staff Assessment for the project, which will be issued without first publishing a Preliminary Staff Assessment. The Staff Assessment will address all topic areas other than Air Quality and related matters that require a Determination of Compliance (“DOC”) from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (“BAAQMD”).<sup>1</sup>

Mirant Willow Pass also has prepared answers to questions posed by Staff at the October 14, 2009 workshop regarding wastewater discharge. These will be submitted with the proposed work plan.

In the area of Transmission System Engineering, Mirant Willow Pass is aware of Staff’s concerns regarding the fact that the project will not continue to proceed through the California Independent System Operator (“CAISO”) reformed interconnection process as part of the “Transition Cluster” of projects. This reflects the fact that the WPGS is no longer on a construction schedule that warrants continued Transition Cluster status. Mirant Willow Pass nevertheless is continuing to develop and work toward obtaining certification for the WPGS, as

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<sup>1</sup> At this time BAAQMD does not have a projected issuance date for the Preliminary DOC.

evidenced by the ongoing soil gas sampling work at the project site. The project will re-enter the transmission interconnection queue at the appropriate time to support a revised projected online date. Mirant Willow Pass provided Staff with a copy of the CAISO "Transition Cluster Group 1 Phase 1 Interconnection Study Report" on September 24, 2009 with a cover letter explaining the limitations of that study. Mirant Willow Pass also has submitted a detailed system impact study prepared by a third party transmission consultant, along with related documentation in response to Staff's questions. The work of the third party consultant is currently the best available information regarding the project's potential transmission system impacts.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Cottle", is written over a horizontal line.

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Lisa A. Cottle, declare that on January 6, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached *Seventh Status Report of Mirant Willow Pass, LLC (Docket No. 08-AFC-6)*. The original document filed with the Docket Unit is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located at the web page for this project at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/willowpass/index.html>. The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

- For service to all other parties: Sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list; and by depositing in the United States mail at San Francisco, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed as provided on the Proof of Service list above to those addresses **NOT** marked as "email preferred."

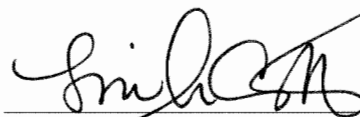
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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**GENERATING STATION**

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